

MEET THE BURROUGHS MINNEAPOLIS KIDS STAFF!



KATHERINE ENGE- SITE COORDINATOR

This is my 6th year with Burroughs Minneapolis Kids and my first year as Site Coordinator. I have worked with all ages over the years at Burroughs and I was the lead Kindergarten staff before the switch to all day kindergarten. I graduated from Augsburg College in 2010 with a degree in Elementary Education with a Pre-primary education focus. I also received my K-6 teaching license in early 2011. I really enjoy working with and getting to know all the kids. I love to lead collaborative art projects and enjoy going on all our great field trips!



DESIREE RICE

Hello! I am a mother of 4 children. I have been working for Minneapolis Public Schools for 17 years. I am currently a student at MCTC pursuing a degree in Human Services/ Social work. I like sewing, traveling and family gatherings. I enjoy working with your children at Minneapolis Kids!



DAVE DEMBOVSKY

I have a daughter who is 18 years old. I have worked for Minneapolis Kids for 15 years. I enjoy doing crafts, sports, tag games, drawing and just hanging out with your kids and talking. I look forward to getting to know all the families at Burroughs!



KELLY O'BRIEN

Hello! I came to Minneapolis Kids this year after graduating from the University of Minnesota with an Individualized Studies degree. I love practicing yoga with kids and exploring outside. My experience with kids involves literacy tutoring at a preschool, yoga for kids and personal care for children with Autism.



SARA SPIEGEL

Hello! I have worked in the School Aged Child Care (SACC) field for over 6 years. I've been part of the Minneapolis Kids at Burroughs staff for the past 3 years. My educational background includes: BA in Sociology and a Masters in Human Resource Development (HRD) from the University of Saint Thomas.

I enjoy providing activities that allow children the opportunity to explore, be creative and pursue their independence. Some of these options include:

- Hiking the fields and areas around the creek for monster tracks, followed by developing monster journals summarizing their findings.
- Later this fall I am planning on leading a Science Club that will include a combination of activities that are educational, hands-on and will allow the kids to explore their curiosity.
- I also like leading projects where children can use their imaginations. For example, designing coupon books for their family and friends. In addition, creating board games that are unique with lots of flare.

I look forward to getting to know your children better throughout the 2014-2015 school year. Every day at Minneapolis Kids at Burroughs is a new adventure and I am fortunate to be part of it!



SHELLEE LAUDERT

Hi, My name is Michelle but my friends call me Shellee. I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, survived the public school system and came to Minnesota at the age of 19. I have 2 grown children and 2 adorable granddaughters that won't stop growing.

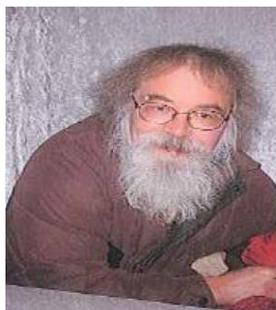
I've been working with kids since 2000 when I started working at St. Louis Park High School. I eventually started working at MTS, the largest charter school in the state, holding many different positions, including administrative assistant, behavior specialist, food service coordinator, MARSS reporter, truancy and educational neglect reporter and Title 1 literacy coach. I was kept very busy there for 15 years but when it was time to go, I left.

Working with children has been the most challenging and satisfying work I've done and Minneapolis Kids is the nicest place I've been able to do that. I love doing arts and crafts, playing word games and telling stories about how things were when I was a kid. When I'm not at work I enjoy cooking, photography, campfires, old movies, painting furniture and I walk around Theo Wirth Lake nearly every day.



MARY VOLLMAR

I have been with Minneapolis Kids since May of 2014. I grew up in a daycare and have worked with kids my whole life. I lead the Harry Potter Club with the kids here and have a great turnout! And I love my dog Peach!



DAN SCHINDELILDECKER

Hi, I am one of the morning guys. I am a graduate of the University of Minnesota, a Veteran, father of 2 grown daughters and a grandfather. I like to have fun with the kids at Burroughs!



STACEY JOHNSON

Hello! I am from a small town called Rock Island, Illinois. I moved to Minnesota when I was 19. I have 2 children, 1 grandson and another one due any day now! Some of my hobbies include swimming, tennis and bowling. I've been on a bowling league for the past 15 years. I'm a huge football fan (Go Vikings!) I like the Timberwolves and the Lynx as well.

The past ten years I have worked in classrooms with special education students.

I work in the afternoon with Minneapolis Kids and it is such a joy! All the kids, full of energy keeps us young at heart!



LIZZY CONDA

Hi! I'm Lizzy and I started working at Burroughs in the middle of October. I have worked with kids since I was in junior high and have always loved it. I am currently a Junior at the University of Minnesota and am studying Spanish and Global Studies. I hope to move abroad somewhere for a while when I graduate. My favorite thing to do is to go up north to Lake Superior for camping and hiking and I love to travel!



BRADY USHER

I am a native Nebraskan who has spent the last two years living in western Washington. I moved to Minneapolis at the end of this past June. I spent the summer and fall working for the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board as a Neighborhood Naturalist, Canoe Instructor, and Lifeguard. My professional background is in youth and public recreation programming, particularly outdoor and environmental education. After moving towns and working at many different sites over the last few years, I am excited to be back working in a school. I look forward to getting to know the families of Burroughs and to creating connections with the natural and cultural communities in this area.



KELLY MICKELSON

My educational and performance background is in music. I enjoy utilizing performance techniques to engage kids in creative activities that promote positivity and curiosity for learning. Prior to coming to Burroughs, I worked for two years at Minneapolis Kids at the Kenny School. I grew up in North Dakota and have lived in the Twin Cities for about 17 years.